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[REDACTED] KC DISCUSS MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE  
TEXT KXCC CAMBODIAN COMMUNIST (KC) COMMUNICATIONS OF 13-15 MAY  
HAVE DISCUSSED THE U.S. MERCHANT SHIP MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE BY  
KC FORCES ON 12 MAY, THE SUBSEQUENT AMERICAN RESPONSE AND  
KC DECISIONS RELEVANT TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION.  
ON 13 MAY MOT, COMMANDER OF THE 3D KC DIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST  
REGION ADVISED MOK, THE REGIONAL KC PARTY COMMITTEE PROBABLE  
SECRETARY, THAT ON 12 MAY KC FORCES SEIZED FOUR VESSELS  
MANNED BY 42(SIC) AMERICANS AND NINE VIETNAMESE(A). MOT  
\*STATED THESE FOREIGN NATIONALS WERE BEING DETAINED AT KOH  
\*TANG ISLAND (1016N 10307E TS9540). ACCORDING TO MOT, THE  
AMERICAN VESSEL, THE MERSHIP MAYAGUEZ, EN ROUTE FROM HONG  
KONG TO BANGKOK, WAS CAPTURED AT A POINT SOUTH OF KOH POULO  
WAI ISLAND (0956N 10257E TR7593). THE THREE VIETNAMESE CRAFT  
REPORTEDLY HAD ORIGINALLY FLED SOUTH VIETNAM FOR THAILAND  
UPON THE COLLAPSE OF THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT;  
MOT CLAIMED THAT WHEN THE KC CAPTURED THEM THE VIETNAMESE  
CRAFT WERE EN ROUTE FROM THAILAND TO AN UNDISCLOSED POINT.  
MOT REQUESTED GUIDANCE FROM MOK PROBABLY CONCERNING THESE  
SEIZURES AS WELL AS CONCERNING A PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE FISHING  
ACTIVITY PROBABLY IN CAMBODIA WATERS, OPERATING FROM PHU  
QUOC ISLAND (1019N 10400E US9040). A SECOND KC COMMUNICATIONS  
OF 13 MAY DISCLOSED THE AMERICANS HAD BEEN SEIZED IN MOT'S  
AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT THE AMERICANS HAD BEEN TIED  
UP(B). THIS REPORT OBSERVED THE TACTICAL ACTIVITY OF TWO  
F-105 AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA ON 13 MAY AND REQUESTED THE DECISION  
OF THE KC CENTRAL PARTY COMMITTEE (CPC). AN UNIDENTIFIED  
KC AUTHORITY PROBABLY IN THE KOMPONG SOM (1037N 10330E US3775)/REAM  
(1035N 10339E US5376) AREA REPORTED "MUCH" AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY  
ON 14 MAY. ACCORDING TO THE AUTHORITY, A KC VESSEL, TYPE  
UNDISCLOSED, HAD BEEN FIRED ON AND SUNK BY THE AIRCRAFT(C).  
UNSPECIFIED CALIBER KC "ARTILLERY" REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN PREPARED  
AT REAM NAVAL BASE AND THE KC WERE TO PREVENT AIRCRAFT FROM  
"ENTERING" REAM. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AN UNIDENTIFIED KC  
OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY WAS ORDERED TO "KEEP THEM (PROBABLY  
A REFERENCE TO THE SEAMEN) ON THE SIDE TOWARDS THE ENEMY."  
THE AUTHORITY WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS  
(VNC) "WILL HELP" THE KC. ANOTHER COMMUNICATION OF 14 MAY  
REFERRED TO EFFORTS PROBABLY TO APPROACH THE VNC CONCERNING  
THE MAYAGUEZ SITUATION(D). A THIRD KC COMMUNICATION OF 14  
MAY ADVISED AN UNIDENTIFIED KC AUTHORITY, PROBABLY IN THE  
KOMPONG SOM AREA, THAT "HELP IS ON THE WAY" AND PROVIDED  
GUIDANCE POSSIBLY FROM THE KC CPC THAT THE "ENEMY" MUST  
NOT BE PERMITTED TO COME. POSSIBLY IN RESPONSE, A KC AUTHORITY  
REPORTED THAT "THE SHIP," THE MAYAGUEZ, WAS TRANSPORTING

MACHINERY AND NOT WEAPONS(E). HOWEVER, ON 15 MAY KC COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED NEW GUIDANCE ON THE SITUATION, PROBABLY ORIGINATING FROM THE CPC. AN UNIDENTIFIED KC AUTHORITY ORDERED A PROBABLE OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY TO LET THE AMERICANS "TAKE THE SHIP AND LEAVE" AND TO "LET THE AMERICANS GO." THE KC CONVERSATION DISCLOSED FURTHER THAT THE KC WOULD PERMIT THE "AMERICANS AND THAIS" TO RETURN TO THE SHIP(F). THE KC OPERATIONAL \*FORCES WERE REPORTEDLY AWARE THAT U.S. MARINES WERE ON BOARD THE MAYAGUEZ; THE KC INTENDED TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE SURVEILLANCE OF AMERICAN ACTIVITIES AND WERE DETERMINED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES TO AVOID CAPTURE BY THE AMERICANS. XGDS-2 XXHH #8182 NNN

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